

TOWN OF LINCOLN

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

September 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission Members present were Chairman Kevin Bryson, Paul Hetu, Erin Vaughan, Gary Stott and David Boyle. Commission Member Roy Coulombe was absent from this meeting. There is no Commission Member for Manville.

The Commission Members reviewed the minutes for the August 12, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Member Paul Hetu to accept the August 12, 2009 minutes and the motion was seconded by Member David Boyle.

There have been no Director's Reports for the past twelve (12) months.

Commissioner's Reports:

Saylesville – Paul Hetu – The fields look good. The grass needs cutting; the outside field grass is burnt. Noticed a large puddle in the field but there hasn't been rain in a while.

Lonsdale – Roy Coulombe – No report.

Albion – Erin Vaughan – Everything looks good. A neighbor said sometimes there are kids in the park around 11 p.m. so she calls the Lincoln Police and they go and remove them from the park. There is

a lot of soccer going on at Chet Nichols.

Manville – No report.

Fairlawn – Gary Stott – The park and skateboard park both continue to be very busy. The basketball courts are getting a lot of use as well.

Limerock – David Boyle – Soccer is being played on both fields. Everything looks good.

Quinnville – Kevin Bryson – The lights are still on all the time. The park is getting a lot of use except for the field on the side.

Old Business:

The old backstop poles at Chet Nichols Field are still in place. New goal posts were being installed at the football field at the High School.

Commission Member David Boyle was at Manville Park and stated that both fields were in great condition.

Chairman Kevin Bryson stated that he is going to send the Town Administrator Joseph Almond another email regarding the lack of Director's Reports for the past twelve months, the poles at Chet Nichols and at Lonsdale that have not been removed yet, the Manville Commission vacancy and lastly regarding the lack of communication and information that the Parks and Recreation Commission receives.

New Business:

John Sharkey was present at this meeting to give the Commission

Members a report on Lonsdale.

- **On two separate occasions, (end of May and end of June), the park was hit with graffiti. The graffiti was on the dugouts, the new building and the lights on the snack bar were painted black. Mr. Sharkey stated that the first time it occurred the Lincoln Little League removed it and the second time it occurred the Town removed it. He said that unfortunately you can tell there was graffiti there but there isn't anything that can be done about it. A possibility is to get cameras installed in the park to help curb vandalism. The Lincoln Police did go to Lonsdale Park and take pictures of the graffiti before it was removed and a report was filed.**
- **The basketball courts are being used a lot by all different ages.**
- **Both the Men's & Women's bathrooms were vandalized with permanent marker. It was able to be removed easily though.**
- **The field got a lot of use this year when it could get used. The outfield does not drain and the left field is the worst. He also stated that the 3rd base side under the bleachers has severe drainage problems as well. The Town Administrator has been made aware of this and he's stated that he's committed to fixing it. Mr. Sharkey said he doesn't have a time frame as to when this serious problem will be fixed though.**
- **Parking has not been a problem.**
- **The park as a whole gets a lot of use.**

Chairman Kevin Bryson suggested watering the sod at Lonsdale less which would in turn force the roots to go deeper and thus help with

drainage. He also suggested a big, bright light be installed to light up both dugouts to deter kids from hanging out there late at night and prevent future vandalism.

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Paul Hetu and the motion was seconded by Member Gary Stott.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.